GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POLICY OF US ADMINISTRATION ON KASHMIR ISSUE
VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

the present policy of the US Administration on Kashmir issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

On 11 November 2001, the U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell stated in a television interview, in response to a question on Jammu and Kashmir, `The two sides have to settle that and there needs to be a dialogue between Pakistan and India` He added that the United States ` cannot become the mediator, the arbitrator or the intermediary between them`.